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To the Hyrden Readers and Correspondents

Due to a number of causes, some of them quite unavoidable, the editor has been unable to properly attend to his work. The blame for the long delay of this issue must be placed at his door. He can only express his sincere regret, and ask for the patience and forbearance of all concerned. Every reasonable effort will be made to make up for lost time.

—C. S. Lystig.

legeme og sjel. Send oss et godt og gledelig, et fredelig og fruktbart aar. Men fremfor alt giv nye hellige aandstider i vaare hjarter og i vaar kirke, at du ikke forgyves skal søke efter frukt i din vingaard.

Vi staar ved inngangen til det nye aar, vi løfter bedende hender og sier i Jesu navn: Gud bevare vaar inngang og vaar utgang fra nu og til evig tid! I Jesu navn være det gamle aar endt, i Jesu navn det nye begynt. Vi gaar trøstig videre i Jesu dyrebare navn. I det vil vi leve, i det vil vi dø. Velsign oss, Gud Fader, velsign oss, Guds Sønn, velsign oss, Herre Helige Aand! Amen.

**Vanekristendom og Kristne Vaner**

Kristne vaner skaper ingen levende kristendom, men levende kristendom skaper kristne vaner.

Kristne vaner kan fortsette aa bestaa uten kristendom, men sann kristendom kan ikke bestaa uten kristne vaner.

Vanekristendom skal bekjempes; men de kristne vaner skal ikke utryddes, ti de kan fylles med liv.

Livet kan være uttørret, men vanene være tilbake. Hvem kan bedømme om det finnes liv blandt de tilsynelatende tomme vaner? En eller annen gang under utøvelsen av vanene kan den lille glød blaases til ild.

Den som ikke har kristne vaner, blir rotløs i sin kristendom. Lær barna aa gaa i kirke, saa de kan finne veien naar de blir voksne! Gaa i kirke hver søndag! Den som sjelden gaar i kirke, blir fremmed overfor det naar han en enkelt gang kommer, og han faar ikke del i den velsignelse som naaes ved aa følge med i kirkearets forunderlige rytme.

Vanene rummer verdier som vi skal verne om og være bange for aa miste. Utelukk eller fordøm ikke ubetinget den som kun gaar i julen. Det kan bli fortsatt kirkegang, ut av det.

Vanekristendom er av det onde, men kristne vaner skal vi holde paa. Naar det i vaar tid finnes et utall av mennesker for hvem tanken om aa gaa i kirke en søndag er like saa vanvittig som aa ta et friluftsbad midt paa vinteren, saa skyldes det at man ikke har holdt paa de nedarvede kristne vaner.

De kristne vaner er den jordbunn i hvilket livet skal spire og vokse.

(Fra et bytteblad.)

Dette aar bør bli et særlig bønneaar for alle som tror paa Gud. Verden er i nød. Guds menighet paa jord staar foran alvorlige prøver.

**Aid to the Norwegian Forces Continuing the War for Liberty**

Questions have been asked as to what is being done for the Norwegian forces in training in Canada or engaged in various operations connected with the war. Therefore the following information:

At Little Norway, near Toronto, the Norwegian Government has an air-training camp. Several hundred are in training here. President Aasgaard, who has inspect-

| 1940 BUDGET INGATHERING    |                  |                |                         |          |
|----------------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------|
| December 30, 1940          |                  |                |                         |          |
| District                   | Amount<br>Raised | Apportionment  | Balance to<br>Be Raised | % Raised |
| Eastern .....              | \$175,047.15     | \$259,290.00   | \$84,242.85             | 67.5     |
| Northern Minnesota .....   | 84,479.70        | 104,520.00     | 20,040.30               | 80.8     |
| Southern Minnesota .....   | 186,698.92       | 266,325.00     | 79,626.08               | 70.1     |
| Iowa .....                 | 89,883.57        | 131,655.00     | 41,771.43               | 68.3     |
| South Dakota .....         | 70,452.37        | 99,495.00      | 29,042.63               | 70.8     |
| North Dakota .....         | 63,943.50        | 96,480.00      | 32,537.50               | 66.3     |
| Rocky Mountain .....       | 11,928.08        | 12,060.00      | 131.92                  | 98.9     |
| Pacific .....              | 18,629.68        | 26,130.00      | 7,500.32                | 71.3     |
| Canada .....               | 7,431.63         | 9,045.00       | 1,613.37                | 82.2     |
| No District .....          | 1,271.31         |                |                         |          |
| Lutheran Students Union .. | 600.00           |                |                         |          |
| Lutheran Students .....    | 488.50           |                |                         |          |
| By Funds                   |                  |                |                         |          |
| Education .....            | 161,306.74       | 277,763.81     | 116,457.07              | 58.1     |
| Home Missions .....        | 168,029.92       | 227,261.31     | 59,231.39               | 73.9     |
| Foreign Missions .....     | 198,910.13       | 267,663.32     | 68,753.19               | 74.3     |
| Charities .....            | 96,660.24        | 151,507.54     | 54,847.30               | 63.8     |
| Pensions .....             | 46,412.48        | 80,804.02      | 34,391.54               | 57.4     |
| General Fund .....         | 39,533.32        |                |                         |          |
|                            | \$710,852.83     | \$1,005,000.00 | \$294,147.17            | 70.7     |

Do you know that our Educational Institutions—the Seminaries, Senior Colleges, Junior Colleges and Academies (11)—need \$277,763.81 for the budget before Jan. 31, 1941? On December 30th, \$161,306.74 had come in for this purpose.

Do you know that \$168,029.92 of the \$227,261.31 needed for the support of 216 Home Mission parishes and pastors, the Indian, Alaska, Seamen's, Deaf-Mute Missions, and the Evangelists had come in on December 30th?

Do you know that \$267,663.32 of this year's budget ingathering is needed for the support of 155 Missionaries and 779 Native Workers in China, Madagascar, and South Africa? 74.3% of this amount, or \$198,910.13, had reached the Treasurer's office Dec. 30th.

Do you know that 7 Children's Homes, 10 Homes for the Aged, the Lutheran Welfare and Home-finding work (in Minnesota, North Dakota, Wisconsin, South Dakota, Illinois and Iowa), 3 Homes of Mercy, etc., must have \$151,507.54 by January 31, 1941? Only \$96,660.24 had come in for this activity on Dec. 30th.

Do you know that \$80,804.02 of the 1940 budget is needed for the retired and needy pastors and pastors' widows? \$46,412.48 had come in for Pensions on Dec. 30th.

Nothing less than an intensified effort on the part of every congregation that is short—an active participation by every member and every organization—during this last month of the fiscal year will bring in the balance. Last year 720 congregations contributed more than their apportionment. We hope this number will be increased for the 1940 work.

God has been generous to us. Should not we who are so fortunately situated in this suffering world show our gratitude to God by fulfilling our promises to our workers and missionaries at home and abroad for the extension of His Kingdom?

"Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High: And call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me." Ps. 50: 14-15.

—A. J. Bersaker.

ed this camp, reports that the men are well taken care of as to physical needs and health. At the request of our church the British and Foreign Bible Society provided all these men with Testaments in Norwegian. Our church sent them 500 copies of "Jul i Vesterheimen" for Christmas. Efforts are now being made to collect a library of appropriate Norwegian books for them.

By agreement with the Norwegian Seaman's Mission an arrangement has been made whereby their pastor in Montreal spends the whole year there instead of only six months, during the shipping season, as before. Half of his salary is paid by our church. Thus we have Norwegian Lutheran Church work at Montreal all the year around; and the pastor also represents our church there.

At Halifax and Lunenburg, N. S., there are camps of Norwegian sailors and whalers, engaged in Naval patrol, and in the dangerous convoy duty. These camps, as well as the one at Toronto, are regularly visited by the pastor in Montreal, and services are conducted every two weeks.

Many of our church people want to remember these men. Knitted articles, such as sweaters, scarfs, socks and mittens are not only of use and comfort, but they are a definite encouragement to these men who are in the great struggle for liberty.

Those who wish to send gifts to the airmen should communicate with Mrs. Riiser Larsen, Royal Norwegian Air Force, Little Norway, Toronto. Information should be obtained from her as to the kind of articles needed, and the quality of wool to be used, etc. Mrs. Larsen is willing to receive the contributions and to supervise the distribution.

Contributions for the sailors should be sent to Rev. Berge Overland, Norwegian Seaman's Mission, 408 James St. W., Montreal.

I would especially recommend the sailors to the kind remembrance of our church people. Their life at present is a hard one. They are engaged in a dangerous task from which many of them never return. And they are perhaps less likely to be remembered than others. Most of these soldiers, sailors and airmen are reared in the Norwegian Lutheran Church in Norway. It may help to build up faith and hope when they see that the people of the Norwegian

Lutheran Church of Canada have not forgotten them.

Yours in the Lord,  
—Iver Iversen.  
Saskatoon, Sask., Jan. 2, 1941.

**Hanna Mossing**

Mrs. Hanna Mossing passed away at her home near Viceroy, Sask., on Nov. 21, 1940. The deceased was born at Aasen near Trondheim, Norway, Aug. 11, 1875.

In 1885 she migrated with her parents to the United States. They settled at Brandon, Minn. Later they moved to Wulum, No. Dak. In 1898 she was married to Isaac Mossing. To this union one daughter was born. They moved to Canada in 1908 and homesteaded near Viceroy, Sask., where the deceased lived until death came.

Funeral service was held from St. Olaf Lutheran church, Saturday Nov. 23. The undersigned officiating, using as text Rev. 14: 13.

The departed will be greatly missed by friends and relatives and also as a member of St. Olaf congregation. She was a faithful and active member. Being especially interested in Sunday School work. She was secretary of the Ladies Aid from the time of its organization in 1910 until her departure. Whenever possible she would be present at the Aid meeting and usually had a message to bring for those present.

She leaves to mourn her loss: two sisters; Mrs. Oline Mossing, Viceroy, Sask., and Mrs. Ellen Fogderud, Hannaford, No. Dak., and one daughter, Mrs. Ted Anderson, Viceroy, Sask. One sister Mrs. Bina Monson preceded her in death.

**In Memoriam**

Mrs. Ted Anderson has given \$1.50 to Home Mission of our church. Mrs. Oline Mossing gave \$5.00 to "Hyrden." St. Olaf Ladies Aid gave \$5.00 to Old People's Home at Bawlf, Alta., and \$5.00 to Missions.

—H. F. Johnson.

**Carl Edwin Falck**

In loving remembrance of little Carl Edwin Falck, who was taken home to heaven on January 5th, 1941:

O. A. VOLDENG

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PRINCE ALBERT, SASK.

Your name is dear to our memory,  
'Tis graven on our hearts.  
Your toys are left, your cot is empty,  
But safe you are in Jesus arms.  
Father, Mather, Sister & Brothers.

We want also to thank all those who have so kindly shown their sympathy with us in this our bereavement, and have assisted us in so many ways.  
—Rudolph H. Falck and Family.

News from Vang, Millet and Bethel, Wetaskiwin, Alta.

Shortly before Christmas the Vang and the Bethel congregations sponsored a joint service at Wetaskiwin, assisted by the Vang Chorus.

The pastor, Rev. K. O. Kandal, using for his theme, "The Second Coming of Christ," spoke of the glory of that day when all true believers shall see Christ face to face, and be with Him forever. To the unbelievers, on the other hand, it will be an awful day, the beginning of eternal perdition.

The Chorus rendered many numbers, "The Lord is my Light and my Salvation," "I heard the Voice of Jesus say," "Golden Bells," and several others.

Following the service, the Bethel Ladies Aid served lunch to all present. Mr. Jevne expressed thanks on behalf of the Chorus for the invitation and for the blessed evening that had been spent together.

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All who knew Mrs. Emma Ness of Wetaskiwin received with deep sorrow the sad news of her untimely death in an auto accident. Mrs. Ness was one of the most active members of the Bethel congregation and Ladies Aid. In 1939 she held the office of W.M.F. circuit historian in the Camrose circuit, and in that capacity succeeded in obtaining a number of pictures and stories from many of the Aids. She was really the pioneer in that type of work in the Camrose circuit. Blessed be her memory.

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Mrs. John Sehlen of Millet passed peacefully away at her home on December 30th, almost 82 years old. Mrs. Sehlen was a charter member of the Vang Ladies Aid, and had rendered active assistance ever since its organization in 1900. Rev. Kandal conducted the funeral service from the Vang church on January 3rd. "Old and full of days," Mrs. Sehlen's earthly tabernacle is now resting in the Vang cemetery until the resurrection morning.

—B. K.

HUSK DE NØDSTEDTE MISJONER

Ute paa misjonsmarkene som nu staar avskaaret fra moderlandene, er det ogsaa skoler. De blir lukket om de ikke faar hjelp fra oss.

FIRE TING AA HUSKE:

Budgettet, Centennial Appeal, Lutheran World Action, Norgeshjelpen.

HYRDEN ORDER BLANK

(Clip out and mail to Mr. Josef B. Haave, Luther Seminary, Saskatoon, Sask.)

Date .....

Dear Mr. Haave:-

Enclosed please find \$..... in payment of my own (new, old) subscription for ..... years.

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(Name)

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(Address)

The above stated amount also covers a gift subscription for ..... years to:

M .....

(Name)

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(Address)

P. S.—We shall be pleased to send, at no extra cost to you, a neat greeting card to the beneficiary of your gift subscription, stating who is responsible for the present. If you wish us to do so, check here .....



For God so loved the world,  
that he gave his only be-  
gotten Son, that whosoever  
believeth on him should not  
perish, but have eternal life.

# The SHEPHERD

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD. John 10, 11.

He that believeth on him is  
not judged; he that believeth  
not hath been judged already,  
because he hath not believed  
on the name of the only be-  
gotten Son of God.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Second Nr. in December, 1940

## Announcement

The annual Moose Jaw Circuit Bible Course will be given in Bethany Lutheran Church, Macoun, Sask., Milo E. Lee, pastor, the four weeks between January 20 and February 16, 1941. Mr. Philip, now of Minneapolis, Minn., will teach the book of Exodus throughout the four weeks. He will also be the speaker at all of the inspirational services in the evenings during the month. The Gospel of Mark, Solos of St. Luke, a few of the Penitential and Messianic Psalms, II Corinthians, and I Timothy will be taught by pastors of the circuit.

Young people of the circuit who cannot get to the Bible Institute at Outlook should make use of this opportunity for study of God's Word. They should plan to be in Macoun for the very first class at 7 p.m. and the first inspirational service at 8 p.m. on Monday, January 20th. Students are asked to bring bedclothes and towels. The cost to each student for the four weeks will be \$5.00 as usual. Contributions of food and money will be very welcome. Above all, the prayers of God's children everywhere are solicited for this Bible School.

—Milo E. Lee.

## Evangelistic Meetings

The Macoun Parish, Milo E. Lee, pastor, enjoyed a series of evangelistic meetings during the Autumn months of 1940. Evangelist Peter Overlid of Elbow, Sask., formerly pastor at Beaver Flat, Sask., was the preacher at these special meetings. He came to Estevan October 22nd where he conducted three meetings in Norse before going west to the Lake Alma and Torquay parishes where he labored for several weeks. On November 24th he went with Pastor Lee to Bethesda Congregation near Wilcox for six evangelistic meetings. The weather was a bit adverse but the few who ventured out to the meetings were blessed by the messages from the Word of God. On Thursday, November 28th, Evangelist Overlid was back in Macoun and during the next week a half preached the Word with power in the other congregations of the parish: Bethlehem, Midale; Bethany, Macoun; Snaasen; Zion, Hirsch; and Estevan. From two to seven meetings were conducted in all places in the parish. English was the language used at the majority of the services but Norse meetings were also announced for all places except Zion and Snaasen. Communion services in Macoun and Midale on Sunday, December 8th, and an evening service in Midale closed the series of evangelistic meetings.

Evangelist Overlid is an elderly man but young people as well as older folks are attracted to his preaching. He speaks Norwegian more fluently than English but some of his most gripping and challenging messages were brought to the people of the Macoun parish in the English language. Many hearts were touched and moved during this series of meetings and He Who has promised that His Word shall not return unto Him void will bring forth fruit in due season.

—Milo E. Lee.

## Obituary

Death came with unexpected suddenness to Pastor Robert O. Thorpe, Watson, Sask., Friday, Nov. 29, 1940, as the result of a heart attack. About two years ago, while on a trip to one of his distant congregations, he had suffered an impairment of his heart while trying to get his automobile out of the deep snow. Since then he had had two or three less serious attacks. The final one lasted only a few moments.

Robert O. Thorpe was born Dec. 1, 1881, at Brandval, Solor, Norway, of Ole Thorpe and Karoline E. (Iversen). After coming to America he at-

tended Chicago Theological Seminary, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., and Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., being graduated from the latter institution in 1910.

He was ordained to the holy ministry in 1910, and served as pastor at Portland, Ore., 1910—1912; Marshfield, Ore., 1912—1918; Buchanan, Sask., Canada, 1918—1927; and Watson, Sask., 1927 until his death.

In 1912 he was united in marriage to Gurine Olsen of Portland, Oregon, who survives him.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon, Dec. 1, by Dr. J. R. Lavik, Saskatoon, Sask., assisted by Rev. Peter Nelson, Naicam, Sask. Letter of sympathy and appreciation from Dr. Iver Iversen, President of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of Canada, was read at the service. Interment was made at the Watson cemetery.

That Pastor Thorpe's thirteen years of service in the Watson field had been deeply appreciated, not only by the members of his congregations but by the entire community, was clearly in evidence at the funeral services. Though the weather was rather severe the large hall in which the services were held, because none of the churches in town was large enough for the occasion, was filled to overflowing. The floral tributes were under the circumstances surprisingly many and fine.

Consistent with a wish which Pastor Thorpe had often expressed, very little was said about him at the funeral services, but the time was devoted to speaking about his Savior and the hope of eternal life which Christian faith possesses.

But the memory of what he was and what he did remains with his congregations, and the many others in the community who came to appreciate perhaps especially his deeply sympathetic nature and his personal friendliness and generosity.

## Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Urness Honored

On Nov. 21st, 1940, the Norrøna Ladies Aid and other friends met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Pederson. Representatives from a Village of Bulyea, Sask., were also in attendance.

After devotion conducted by the pastor, Mr. A. J. Flotre spoke approvingly of the valuable pioneer work done by Rev. and Mrs. Urness during many years of faithful service among our people, especially in the Yorkton Circuit of our Church. In closing Mr. Flotre called on Mr. D. S. McElroy from Bulyea to speak. In well chosen words Mr. McElroy pointed out that during the year since Rev. and Mrs. Urness took up residence in Bulyea they have won the friendship of the people. On behalf of the Norrøna congregation and friends in Bulyea Mr. McElroy presented to Rev. and Mrs. Urness a gift of money as a token of "Good-Will" and appreciation of work done.

Rev. Urness, with a feeling of overwhelming surprise, responded with hearty thanks for such undeserved gift and words of praise. He expressed the hope that the good understanding now existing would continue to grow as long as God would grant Mrs. Urness and himself strength to serve the Bulyea Parish.

The national Anthem, "God save The King", was sung, after which a delicious lunch was served.

—Cor.

The Norrøna Congregation, Bulyea, Sask., H. L. Urness, pastor, held its annual business meeting Nov. 25th. At this meeting it was reported that the Congregation had gone (Over-The-Top) in collecting for the Church Budget-Hope many of the other Congregations in Yorkton Circuit will do the same.

## From Govan, Sask.

Sunday Dec. 1st was a festive day in St. Olaf Congregation, Govan, Sask., served by Rev. H. L. Urness, when English Confirmation service with Holy Communion was held. The church was filled with attentive hearers. A bright-looking class of 10 young people was confirmed. As a part of the service, after renewing their baptismal vow, the class sang: "Blessed Savior, Who Has Taught Me".

The offering lifted was given to the Church Budget. Thus with the help of the Ladaies Aid the Congregation paid in full the apportionment to the Budget for this year.

The following made up the class confirmed: Einar George and Ragna Christine Orpen, Clifford William Sæther, Gladys Bertha, Cathleen Tilida, Brit Ovidia, Marion Theodora and Bertha Lovise Laknes, Edna Gladys and Evelyn Sofia Berg.

The pastor took for his text: "But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." 2 Tim. 3: 14—15.

—Cor.

## Sunday School Teachers' Institute at Ryley

The Sunday School Teachers' Institute for the Edmonton Circuit will be held at Ryley, Alberta, on Saturday, January 25th. The following program has been planned:

"Need and Value of Parochial School Work" — Mrs. G. Loken

"The Sunday School a Church School" — Rev. C. S. Lystig

"Appraisal of new Sunday School Books" — Mr. G. Loken

"Teaching the Baptized Child" — Rev. J. B. Stolee.

Beginning at 10 a.m. there will be one forenoon and one afternoon session, with open forum and question box. All teachers may not be able to attend, but to make the Institute a success every Sunday School within the circuit should be represented by delegates.

## Seminary Notes

Luther Theological Seminary at Saskatoon opened its second year of work on September 24th with nine students enrolled. One student is in the senior year, six are in the middle class and two are in the junior class.

The seven students from last year spent the summer months in various points in Alberta and Saskatchewan as student pastors. The work gave many and varied experiences. We hope that under God's guidance it may not have been entirely unfruitful, in spite of weaknesses.

The same teachers continue with us this year, namely, Doctors Lavik, Iversen, Willison, Gomann, Rev. Kleiner and Rev. Lokensgard.

During the fall the Seminary quartet has been out on three week-end trips giving messages in word and song.

Our library has been increased by contributions of books from Rev. Gronnen of Outlook, and Mr. Langgaune of Robsart. Last year books from Rev. Elle and Mr. Oscar Berg were donated. We students are naturally glad of this aid in our studies.

In the interest of the orphaned foreign missions, the Seminary quartet presented a musical program in the local church on Dec. 1st. Dr. Iversen spoke on the mission situation. The offering given amounted to \$50.00.

Dr. Lavik was called to conduct the funeral of Rev. R. O. Thorpe, of Watson, Dec. 1st. Pastor Thorpe departed

this life quite suddenly the evening of Friday, Nov. 29th.

—Erik B. Haave

## From Camrose Lutheran College Camrose, Alberta

Dear Editor:

For the benefit of the readers of Hyrden in western Canada who are interested in Christian Education I should like to submit a few facts regarding the activities at Camrose Lutheran College during the present school year.

Owing to present conditions we were afraid that the attendance at our school would be reduced this year, but we were pleasantly surprised to find that more pupils had applied than we had anticipated. Our registration this year has been 114, which is the highest registration of pupils taking the full-year courses that we have ever had.

The school work is progressing very nicely and the various activities of our school are being carried on as usual. There is a large number of students belonging to our Christian Service Group this year and is perhaps the most active group that our school has had for many years. This group renders programs at our school every Thursday afternoon and also goes out into the various congregations to have meetings. During November Rev. A. M. Vinge of Ryley conducted a series of six consecration meetings at our school which were very much appreciated. It was felt that the spirit of God was present at these meetings.

This year we were able to secure a motion picture machine with sound equipment to be used at our school for educational purposes and entertainment. We feel that this is a step forward as it will provide entertainment for our students right at our institution.

The teaching staff at our school is the same as last year with one exception, namely, Mr. Marken who has one year leave of absence attending the University of Alberta.

Our students come from nearly all parts of the province of Alberta and quite a number are from Saskatchewan.

We feel that God has been with us and has richly blessed us, for which we should be very thankful.

E. M. Bergh.

## Mission Sunday at Saron Lutheran Church

The Saron Lutheran Church at Hagen, Sask., observed its annual Mission Sunday on November 17th. A large number turned out for the day's festivities in spite of the adverse weather and poor roads. In connection with the morning Mission Services, the Lord Supper was celebrated with many participating. The mission offering resulted in the amount of \$171.00. The mission offering envelopes were used. By the use of these envelopes an appeal was brought to all confirmed members to participate. The generous response bears out the conviction that this system brings results.

Following the noon hour, the congregation assembled again when the pastor led in the study of the Book of Jude. During this session the Sunday School pupils brought an offering of \$15.00 which is to be sent to one of our Mission Schools in China. The Sunday School Superintendent, Mr. Einar Haave, spoke briefly on behalf of this cause.

We pray and trust that this day also might have been of great blessing to many, and in the words of the Psalmist we would say, (Not unto us O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake.)



## WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FEDERATION

Mrs. George Hendrickson, Editor — Tofield, Alta.

## A Christmas Message

We gladly respond to the request for a brief Christmas message, as through it we have the coveted opportunity to extend hearty Christmas greetings to friends and W. M. F'ers everywhere.

We cherish many happy memories from the days that are gone, when we met and worked with you here and there throughout the district. So to you all — from Starbuck and Melville in the south-east to Lake Alma and Frontier in the south-west; on up to Preeceville and Weldon in the north-east to Camrose and Edmonton in the north-west — our very best wishes for a happy and blessed Christmas!

How we all thrill to the word "Christmas": And how beautifully its real meaning is expressed in gifts. We love the tissues, the cheery cards and seals, the glittering ribbons in which the gift has been lovingly wrapped; but after all, they are only wrappings, and the gift they held becomes the cherished thing. So also we enjoy the externals of Christmas, home with its friendly gatherings, Christmas programs, the tree, the candles, the carols. But these, too, are merely wrappings and are empty indeed if they do not hold for us **The Gift**: God's gift to us, the Christ-child. May we all cherish that gift, not alone the "wrappings!"

"How silently, how silently,

The wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The wonders of His heaven."

—Laura Brun.

## Christmas Message

Again Christmas is here with its message of love from our Father in Heaven. Let us sing Glory to God in the Highest. In these times we may fear what the outcome of the war and all the tumult in the world will be, but in Luke 12:32 we find the words, "Fear not little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom". The words "Fear not" are said to be found 365 times in the Bible. God knows we are subject to fear, but when He has told us so many times not to fear we should believe Him.

God sent the Angel to Zacharias with the words "Fear not" (Luke 1:13). To Mary "Fear not Mary, for thou hast found favor with God". Then to Joseph, "Fear not (Matt. 1:20). Let us also believe and take God at His word: "Fear not little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Let us each one except the gift through Jesus our Saviour.

Mrs. H. L. England,  
Pres. Moose Jaw Circuit.

## Christmas Message

"God bless us every one".

Let there be peace in your hearts. Even though the nations are at war, you can have a peace that passeth knowledge, through Jesus Christ whose birth we are celebrating. Be grateful that you live in America where you can have peaceful sleep, plenty to eat, warm clothes and a warm home. In times like these we have a wonderful opportunity of letting the Christ Spirit shine through us. And now, A Blessed Christmas and A Happy New Year to you all.

Mrs. Russel Berg  
Pres. Medicine Hat Circuit.

## Christmas Message

He shall give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, He shall guide our feet in to the way of Peace. Luke 1:79.

Never before were we in such dire need of light and guidance. We are in a state of darkness undecipherable to man but when we have a hope and promise of God such as this verse above, we rejoice. We must look above the dark and dingy paths of life and let our feet be guided by the Light of the World — The Prince of Peace. May we, this Christmas make room for the Heavenly guest at our festivities, May ours be A Blessed Christ-

mas season and A Happy New Year.  
Mr. Arnold Hoveland  
Pres. Camrose Circuit.

## Christmas Message

"For unto us a child is born, Unto us a Son is given: and the Government shall be upon His shoulder". Isa. 9:6.

Once again we are glad that Christmas is here and heaven comes near to earth, giving to each one of us anew the blessedness of Christ the Savior's birth. Let us rejoice in the Truth and Hope which He imparts to us. May we all be truly thankful for His comforting words that "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth". Might we use this power boldly in the New Year and dare to fill His banner of Truth and Grace before us. Then what wondrous things the New Year has in store for us. May God richly bless and give Happiness and Christmas Joy is my sincere wish.

Mrs. P. Bjornson.  
Pres. Edmonton Circuit.

## Christmas Message

"For unto you is born this day A Saviour which is Christ, the Lord".

Again we approach the wonderful Christmas season when the whole world joins to celebrate one great event of history. What is this event? As we look around us, need we ask? Sad to say in many cases we find the source of the celebrating of Christmas to be forgotten.

We are celebrating the birth of our Saviour — the Saviour of the world. Does the world need a Saviour? We see the need more today than ever before. We need Christ, the King of heaven and of earth. Is not Christ's birthday celebrated with Christ as the center? Why not?

Mothers much depend on us. Where Christ is the center of Christmas in the home, just so will Christ be glorified by our children outside of the home, on the streets and wherever they may roam. Let us so honor and praise Christ, in our homes that nothing can take the wonder of Christmas from those that must be parted from us.

The lives of our Youth in this world of war and suffering seem to be so insecure. But Christ, Christmas, goes beyond the grave. Let us give our Youth the joy and security of living in Christ while on earth and gain for them a blessed eternity where there is no pain, sorrow or death.

May it be said of the women of our Lutheran Churches, of our M. F. members "Truly Christ is the center of their hearts and homes".

Mrs. K. A. Knutson,  
Swift Current Circuit.

## Season's Greetings!

It is with joy I greet you at this time, and repeat once more the message of Christmas: "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, Who is Christ the Lord."

With the busy exchange of gifts always associated with this most joyous of all festivals, we are especially reminded of that perfect gift which was given on the first Christmas night, when in the lowliest of places, in a stable among sheep and cattle, He was born: "A Savior, Who is Christ the Lord". "Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift!"

It is my prayerful wish that the joy and love and peace of Christmas may abide in your hearts. Let us make room in our hearts and homes for the Christchild, the King of kings, the Prince of peace! Lives linked to that of the King of heaven, experience an ever growing desire to serve Him, and to echo and re-echo the angel-chorus: "Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, good will, toward men!"

—Mrs. Olga Lerseth  
Pres. Prince Albert Circuit

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S LUTHER LEAGUE

Editor, Rev. G. O. Evenson, Outlook, Sask.

## The Youth Problems Again

(Concluded)

"This seems to be the common attitude of the people".

Confronted by the rather sad situation portrayed by this survey, the earnest Christian can not but seek an answer to the problem. As far as the problem is caused by pastors having too many congregations to shepherd, and too much territory to cover, the answer is simple: Pray the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth laborers into His harvest. These laborers surely will include competent lay-workers, such as are now being trained at our Bible Schools.

Some thought-provoking suggestions are offered by another student:

"The girls are more active because they have been given more activities . . . . This naturally keeps them from being bashful concerning the stand which they have taken. The boys on the other hand have been much more inactive . . . . Due to the fact that they were not given opportunities to express their faith, it has grown cold . . . .

"Young people must have a way of using their surplus energy, so by giving them Christian fun they are not so apt to seek it elsewhere. Encourage them to come to Bible Camps, Bible School, circuit conventions, and Luther League conventions . . . . Find out any hidden talent that they have and encourage them to make use of it in glorifying God's name. Be not slow in thanking them for doing their part; make them feel they are wanted and are needed. Encourage them in joining with you the Pocket Testament movement".

You are invited to express yourself on this very important question of our youth problem. Let us face the situation clearly, and seek to counsel one another, as the Lord guides us. Then shall His name be glorified and His kingdom advanced.

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At this writing there are 41 students in attendance at the Saskatchewan Lutheran Bible Institute.

"He (God) sitteth above the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers . . . . Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might become rich." Isa. 40:22 and 2 Cor. 8:9.

How much would you do for a grasshopper? You answer that even the question itself is ridiculous. Who ever heard of doing something for the sake of grasshoppers?

But Scripture tells of One who did something for the sake of those who were as grasshoppers in His sight. Such we are in comparison to God. And for us, the Almighty Lord of Heaven and earth became poor to the extent that His first bed was a manger. He gave Himself for us that we might become rich.

Again this Christmas we are reminded by the old, old story of God's love for us. It is an old story, but it seems each time we hear it more wonderfully sweet.

If ever the story of Christmas seems stale to you, reflect on God's love for you who are in comparison to Him as a grasshopper.

## Swift Current Circuit L.L. Convention

From the November issue of "The Lutheran Messenger" of the Cabri parish, K. A. Knutson pastor, has taken the following report concerning the Swift Current L. L. Circuit convention:

"A successful convention was held on October 17-20 in Bethany Church. There was a good representation from most points in the circuit. All the pastors of the circuit were present. The sessions were very well attended. The fine Christian fellowship enjoyed by visitors and local people will be long remembered. Bethany is grateful to all who came.

Friday evening a banquet was held

which was successful beyond expectation. The Ladies Aid members are to be complimented on the fine meal served and the young people for the beautiful way in which the basement was decorated.

The Circuit Luther League held its convention in the evenings. On Saturday the quartet from Luther Seminary at Saskatoon gave a fine program.

This climax came on Sunday with Divine Worship and Holy Communion in the morning, a Faith in Action program in the afternoon, and the Luther League and Choral Union Concert under the direction of Mr. George Gilbertson. Rev. A. Tveit spoke on Faith Alone.

The Ladies Aid members of Bethany helped a great deal to make this convention a success by the fine meals which were served free of charge. A special thanks is due them for their hard and faithful work".

## News From Granum Luther League

Greetings to all Leaguers from the Granum Luther League here in southern Alberta. So far we haven't heard much from any League, but would like to hear from you all.

It is nearly three years now since our L. L. was organized, and we are sure everyone has been richly blessed by it. May God continue to bless this work, so we can win our youth for Christ, to fit them for His service.

One way of providing good wholesome reading for our young people is through our League Library. We provide this by taking birthday money for this purpose.

Plans are now being made for a tea-cup social, also for a Christmas program by our L. L.

Our Circuit (Medicine Hat) was organized a year ago last August; our first Bible Camp was held this summer. We shall never forget the happy hours spent in Christian fellowship there. Plans are already started for the camp next summer, so let us remember it in our prayers.

Taking this opportunity we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year; let's hear from you all.

—Granum Luther League  
Cor. Sec'y.

## A Christmas Wish

May Christ in you be all that He Was meant by God in man to be:  
The only Savior on the tree  
Who was both man and Deity;  
The Prophet in whose every word  
The real voice of God is heard;  
The Priest whose perfect sacrifice  
For sin's forgiveness doth suffice;  
The King who rules men every day  
Yet gives true freedom 'neath His sway;

The Way that leads us into peace  
And from self-effort gives release;  
The Truth unchanging, firm, serene,  
When change amidst all else is seen;  
The Life in which ours takes its source

And, merged in His, completes its course;

The Light that drives away all gloom  
And penetrates the dreaded tomb;  
The Friend who knows our inmost heart

And bears of all our pain a part;  
The Counsellor to whom we go  
When burdened by life's cares and woe;

The Guide who leads us safely by  
The dangers which so terrify;  
The Rock Foundation ever sure,  
From quake and hurricane secure;  
A Living Fountain springing up  
To fill evermore our cup;  
The Bread of Life on which we feed,  
The true Supplier of each need;  
The God whom saints long gone before,

With angels, worship and adore;  
Our Home when voyaging is past  
And we have reached our port at last.  
May Christ in you all these things be,  
Both now and through eternity.

—J. T. Britan, D.D.